(b) whether in that context the Government of India intend to allow the Government of Tamil Nadu to import coal from Australia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The information required is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Plan to raise power output

3303. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Investment Board had drawn up any plan to raise power output;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not airse.

Gas leakage in Bhosari

3304. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 70 people were hospitalised following a gas leak from a chemical unit in the industrial area of Bhosari near Pune on 8th July, 1987; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the mishap and the action taken by the authorities in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

According to the Report received from the Government of Maharashtra, there was leakage of Oleum Gas from a Chemical Unit in the industrial area of Bhosari near Pune around noon on 8th July, 1987. The leakage occurred due to the nut-bolts of the bottom flange of the Oleum Tank giving way as a result of which fumes started coming out which was subsequently controlled by the Fire Brigade Officers.

Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation has issued orders for closure of the factory till further notice under Section 29 (ii) (b) of Chapter 14 of Municipal Corporation Act, 1949. The Bhosari Police Station registered an offence under sections 284, 336, 337 of IPC (negligence, failure in duty, causing injury) and are further investigating the matter. The Factory Inspectorate issued orders for not re-starting the plant unless the necessary alterations are made for storage of Oleum Sulphuric Acid and the plant is tested before it is put into operation. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) issued Prohibitory Orders for failure under section 26, 25, and 31 of the Water Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and issued directives not to restart manufacturing activities unless a clearance is obtained from MPCB and Factory Inspectorate.

Hydro-electric project on the Chenab river

3305. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commissioning of the Hydro-electric Project on the Chenab river in J K has considerably been delayed due to cost overruns;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the project would be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Two major hydroelectric projects, namely, Salal and Dulhasti, on the river Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir, are presently under execution. The time and cost overruns on the Salal Hydroelectric project have occurred, inter alia, on account of changes in designs and increase in the scope of works, unanticipated geotechnical problems in the foundation of the concrete dam geological surprises, encountering of major shear zones surcharged with water in the Tail Race Tunnel and flash floods during March, 1984 and again in July, 1986. The generation capacity was also raised from 270 MW to 345 MW. All major works of the project have since been completed except for a small portion of the Tail Race Tunnel which is under construction. The first unit is now expected to be commissioned in September, 1987 and the other two units in October, 1987.

Infrastructure works of the Dulhasti Hydroclectric project are under progress. Negotiations with a consortium of firms for execution of the project on a turn-day basis, in a period of 57 months, are at an advanced stage.

Compressor and Satellite station at Bijaipur

3306. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been considerable delay in the completion of the HBJ pipeline project; if so, the extent of delay so far suffered;

(b) whether the schedule for completion for compressor station at Bijaipur on 30th January, 1987 and that for the satelite statien at Bijaipur on 28th February 1987 as per tender issued, was kept up; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir. The HBJ project is expected to be completed by the scheduled date of July 1989.

(b) and (c). The compressor station of Bijaipur is scheduled to be completed only by November, 1987. The permanent earth station at Bijaipur has been delayed on account of belated supply of equipment; this would not affect supply of gas, as alternative arrangements have been made.

Complaints against LPG dealers

3307. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received against LPG dealers in the country and the nature of the complaints;

(b) what are the details of action taken against them; and

(c) what is the number of LPG dealerships cancelled during the last one year on the complaints of the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The total number of complaints received against LPG dealers in country during the year 1986-87 was about 21,550 relating to issues such as delays in LPG supply, under-filling of cylinders, over-charging, forced sale of hot plates, out-of turn connections and rude behaviour on the part of the distributors;

(b) The complaints received from customers are investigated by the oil companies and remedial action|disciplinary action taken in accordance with the Discipline Guidelines;

(c) Thirteen dealerships were cancelled in 1986-87 based on the complaints of customers, which were sustantiated in the course of enquiries.